

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 21, 2011
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Croteau, Vogel, Cox, Lewis, Budwig, Miles, and Kuperberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Beverage, Blassingame

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:

Ms. Beverage announced that two Library Board members were terming out and that this was their last meeting. She thanks Lloyd Budwig and Sidney Kuperberg for their four years of service and their participation on the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Blassingame presented the group with Coconut Cupcakes, as requested by Mr. Budwig.

Ms. Beverage announced that Richard Crosthwaite was the Dewey winner for the month of May, for his thoughtfulness in recognizing a coworkers' accomplishment, and for helping to provide staff coverage at Main Street on short notice. She added that Richard is the Media Services Specialist, but he does so much more including serving as the library's Circulation and Security Specialist, resident photographer and is just an all around good guy.

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CHAIR CROTEAU ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. BUDWIG AND MR. LEWIS SECONDED. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2011 WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Moore of HB Reads attended the meeting to share the final four selections HB Reads is reviewing for the upcoming season. He listed each book and provided a brief summary.

Emergence: Labeled Autistic by Temple Gradin, about autism and Aspergers syndrome
Gloryland by Shelton Johnson, fiction combining Black History and National Parks
In the Neighborhood by Peter Lovenheim, about community
Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore, about homelessness

Mr. Moore also explained the selection criteria (available in paperback, subject addresses diversity, and well-read) and process (HB Reads committee began with 14 books, a few selected by each member; sharing of titles, members read a few, and the field was narrowed down to the four mentioned above). He invited the Library Board members to read the selections and provide input if they desired.

Mr. Moore was thanked for his time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame asked that Vice-Chair Vogel sign the approved May minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Library Board of Trustees vacancies

Ms. Beverage reported that she interviewed two interested candidates for the upcoming Board vacancies, and that Ms. Vogel requested reappointment. Ms. Beverage explained that she submitted a memo to the City Council Library Board liaisons, Connie Boardman and Matthew Harper, requesting the reappointment of Ms. Vogel and the appointment of Sherrie Daugherty and Richard Moore.

Mr. Miles asked if the appointments would be approved by the July meeting, and Ms. Beverage replied that the July 18 City Council meeting would be the first opportunity for the City Council to review and approve the request, but that there may not be a July 18 City Council meeting.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-2. Solar Carport Project

Ms. Beverage reported that the Library Theater parking lot phase was on track to be completed by June 25, and the lower level parking lot would be completed shortly after that. She explained that the next phase would be the remaining upper lot, which is scheduled for a September 2 completion. Ms. Beverage added that she meets with the Reno contractors on a weekly basis.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-3. City Budget FY 2011/2012

Ms. Beverage reported that the State of California does not yet have an approved budget, and that the library will most likely be expected to reduce the FY11/12 budget by \$120k. She provided the Board with a summary of the proposed cuts to the library budget including a reduction of databases and a reduction in operating hours on Thursday evenings.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame reported on the initial Aquarium campaign and requested input from the Library Board with regard to ideas for raising funds to pay for the annual cost of the Aquarium. Several ideas brainstormed at that moment include contacting a corporation such as Petco, PetSmart or the Aquarium of the Pacific for a donation, contacting Corky Carroll to write a piece for the Wave, adding a donation link to the library's webpage, starting a 'foundation', making contribution stickers for library cards, and including names of donors on the tank who contribute a set amount.

Ms. Blassingame also distributed information on the Festival of Folktales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Budwig reported on the upcoming Genealogy Society schedule for July 2, which will include a Nationally Certified Genealogist presenting a workshop on “How to Chase Lineage” and a speaker who will talk about the “music and instruments of ancestors”.

CALTAC:

There was nothing new to report at the time of this meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Budwig expressed how much he enjoyed serving on the Library Board, and is not sure how he is going to spend his third Tuesdays of the month now.

Mr. Kuperberg shared that this will be the second time he has termed off the Library Board and he has appreciated the friendships he has made, and the enthusiasm of those who served with him.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Croteau entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Budwig seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Betty Croteau, Chair